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FORMER COUNTERSPY POSTS \$500,000 BOND IN ESPIONAGE CASE
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A former Army counterintelligence specialist accused of selling secrets to the Soviets insists he has done nothing disloyal.

"I'm just as loyal as anybody in the Justice Department," Richard Craig Smith said Tuesday after family and friends raised \$509,250 from real estate collateral and bank letters of credit to post his \$500,000 bond.

Smith, 40, of Bellevue, Wash., must report to federal marshals daily by telephone while staying with friends in McLean, Va., a suburb of the nation's capital. His trial is scheduled for July 9.

Smith had been held in the Fairfax County, Va., Jail since April 4, when he surrendered to FBI agents at Dulles International Airport. He left the federal courthouse in Alexandria, where he signed the bond papers, accompanied by his brother, Hyrum, a pilot, and one of his attorneys, William B. Cummings.

The former Army Security and Intelligence Command employee is accused of disclosing the names of six double agents working for American intelligence to a Soviet KGB officer stationed in Tokyo.

Smith is charged with espionage for allegedly selling the information for \$11,000.

In court papers, defense attorneys did not deny that Smith, whose Utah business ventures had been plagued by financial problems, initiated contacts with Soviet officials. But they said the FBI and CIA assured Smith he would be protected if he told them how he passed information.

Smith's intent was to give the Soviets outdated and unimportant bits of information as a way of becoming a double agent for the United States, the attorneys said. They said he devised that plan to help the FBI and CIA catch Soviet spies.